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Letter dated 7 May 2000 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have authorized the mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to visit Eritrea and Ethiopia during the week of 8 May 2000.

Members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the Security Council Mission to Eritrea and Ethiopia (see annex). They would be most grateful if appropriate officials could be advised in order to make the necessary arrangements for the mission.

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Annex

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Terms of reference for Security Council Mission to Eritrea and Ethiopia

1. Concerned by the ongoing conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia, the Security Council has authorized its Mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to visit these two countries in the region during the week of 8 May 2000. The Mission will travel to Addis Ababa and Asmara to meet with the Government of Ethiopia and the Government of Eritrea.

2. The Mission, acting on the basis of relevant Security Council decisions, will express in the strongest possible terms the Council's support for the Organization of African Unity peace process, for its current Chair Algeria, and for their ongoing efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement to this conflict. The Mission will urge strongly both parties to refrain from resorting to force and further hostilities, and to commit immediately, seriously and without precondition to negotiations to achieve final consolidated technical arrangements for implementation of the OAU Framework Agreement and its Modalities for Implementation.

3. The Mission will thereafter report back to the Security Council on its findings.